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Friday, February 27, 2026

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Welland City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Frank Campion

**DATE:** February 25, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Letter to Chair Gale Regarding Amalgamation

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I am sharing this publicly because it concerns an issue of significant interest to our community. Attached is my correspondence with Regional Chair Bob Gale regarding his request for feedback from Niagara's mayors on potential amalgamation in Niagara.

For clarity, the position outlined reflects my personal preference for the four-city model, based on the two options Chair Gale asked us to consider. It does not represent the collective view of Welland City Council or individual Councillors.

In the spirit of transparency, I am providing my response to Chair Gale, which I also spoke to publicly earlier this week.



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FRANK CAMPION**

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February 25, 2026

Niagara Region  
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**Attention: Mr. Bob Gale  
Regional Chairman**

Chair Gale,

Thank you for requesting my input regarding governance restructuring for Niagara. You have indicated that you are seriously looking at a 4-city or a 1-city model. It is my opinion that a 4-city model is better than a single city for Niagara. Therefore, I strongly request that you propose a 4-city model as opposed to a 1-city model to Minister Flack. This will enable alignment of the municipalities by population and by shared interest in a way that will better serve our communities.

For clarity, these are my views and do not represent a decision or direction of Welland City Council as your correspondence specified mayor input.

If the Chair would like input from municipal councillors as well, please let me know. Also, I would assume that any form of amalgamation adopted would include significant consultation with residents of Niagara.

Sincerely,

Frank Campion  
Mayor

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Welland City Council

**FROM:** Dave Steven – Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries  
Frank Pearson, B. Tech – Arch. Sci.  
Manager of Facilities, Operations and Development

**DATE:** February 27, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Maintaining Safe and Welcoming Public Spaces: 2025 Year-End Summary

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### **Purpose**

This memorandum provides Council with a year-end summary of corporate costs incurred in 2025 related to operational impacts from graffiti, vandalism, and encampments across City parks, canal lands, and municipal facilities, as well as adjustments to security resources in high-traffic locations.

### **Background**

The City continues to experience incidents that require coordinated operational response related to vandalism, graffiti, and encampments. These incidents involve staff time, operational resources, contractor support, and facility repairs. These costs are funded through the municipal tax base.

In response, staff have been working corporately to consolidate cost tracking, strengthen reporting practices, and advance recommendations identified through the City's corporate security audit.

### **Summary of Costs 2025**

Total estimated corporate impact in 2025: approximately \$170,000

- **Encampments:** Approximately \$102,000  
Cleanup and debris removal, site restoration, disposal, and contractor support and related operational impacts.

- **Graffiti and Vandalism:** Approximately \$68,000  
Repairs, replacement materials, contracted services, and associated staff time and operational disruptions.

These figures reflect impacts across City parks, canal lands, and facilities.

### **Security Resource Adjustments**

As part of the City's commitment to maintaining safe and welcoming public facilities, security resources were reviewed in 2025. Overall, contracted security costs increased by approximately 16% from 2024 to support enhanced monitoring, expanded facility usage, and implementation of corporate security audit recommendations. These adjustments reflect a proactive approach to safeguarding staff, residents, and public assets while maintaining safe and accessible public spaces.

### **Security Measures and Audit Implementation**

Staff continue to advance recommendations identified through the corporate security audit, including:

- Enhanced monitoring practices and operational adjustments in high-use areas (adjusted washroom hours, increased park attendant patrols, coordination with Niagara Regional Police Service, addressing graffiti and litter within 24–48 hours)
- Implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles (improved sightlines, clear park designs, signage)
- Preventative infrastructure investments (upgraded doors, locks, alarm systems, fencing repairs)

### **Major Areas Impacted in 2025**

While incidents occur city-wide, several high-use parks and municipal facilities experienced repeated operational impacts, including damage to buildings, public washrooms, and recreational infrastructure. Staff continue to prioritize preventative measures, enhanced monitoring, and timely maintenance in these locations to minimize risk and protect public assets in alignment with the results of the corporate security audit.

Additionally, theft and vandalism of electrical cabinets and park light poles occurred, resulting in outages, safety risks, and costly repairs across multiple locations. Portions of aluminum bleacher components at Youngs Sportsplex and

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Memorial Park were stolen; staff are obtaining replacement pricing for spring 2026. Police reporting has been completed for all vandalism incidents.

### **Communications and Community Reporting**

As part of the City's broader response, staff will continue to reinforce the importance of community reporting. Timely reporting enables quicker response times, reduces the extent of damage, and helps mitigate costs to taxpayers.

### **Next Steps**

In alignment with the City's Strategic Plan pillars related to health and well-being and livability, staff will:

- Continue refining corporate cost tracking
- Advance implementation of security audit recommendations
- Prioritize preventative measures in high-impact locations
- Monitor trends, continue to track costs and report back to Council annually



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February 5, 2026

Dear Niagara Region Mayors,

Enclosed, please find a letter that I have submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in my role as Regional Chair, outlining the urgent need for municipal governance reform here in Niagara. This letter highlights the ongoing issues Niagara's fragmented, outdated and unwieldy governance structure continues to cause, including unsustainable tax increases that hurt residents and threaten the loss of jobs and investment, delayed decision making and a lack of coordination on priorities like transit, housing service delivery and economic development.

This letter makes clear the urgent need for change, but it also makes clear that any changes must be locally informed and supported here in Niagara. Based on previous consultations with many of you, and previous reports, I am deeply contemplating a 4-city or a 1-city model to maximize efficiencies and benefits to the communities we serve.

To that end, I am writing to you all to request your input and co-operation as we review potential governance changes to address the challenges our region faces. The changes under consideration should include but not be limited to a reduction in the number of municipal elected officials in the region - currently 126, which is more than the number of MPPs in the entire provincial legislature - as well as a potential municipal restructuring, including consideration of municipal amalgamations, that streamlines the governance process, reduces the size of government and brings taxpayers better value for money.

I welcome any written comments you wish to share with me. I recognize that there will be a range of views on the best path forward and I am committed to ensuring that Niagara's voice is clear, constructive and focused on better outcomes for our residents and businesses. To support swift consideration and implementation of potential changes, I will be submitting initial recommendations to the minister no later than the first week of March. **Please ensure you have communicated your feedback to me no later than Tuesday, March 3, 2026.**

The goal of these changes is simple: To adopt an outcome that is locally informed, that protects taxpayers and their hard-earned money, and that provides residents of Niagara with the best possible level of municipal services. Thank you to each and every one of you for the passion you show for your communities.

Sincerely,

Bob Gale  
Chair, Regional Municipality of Niagara



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February 19, 2026

The Honourable Rob Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Government of Ontario  
Delivered via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
CC: [Robert.Dodd@ontario.ca](mailto:Robert.Dodd@ontario.ca) Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to Minister Flack

**Re: Regional Governance in Niagara**

Dear Minister Flack,

Over the past several months, Niagara Region has been engaged in an increasingly difficult budget process that has laid bare the failings of our municipal governance structure. Throughout our deliberations and public reporting, several patterns have emerged that, taken together, raise serious concerns regarding waste, abuse and a culture of casualness with taxpayer dollars. These concerns are inconsistent with the expectations of both municipal taxpayers and the provincial government, and are made all the more serious by the current economically precarious environment. These patterns are exacerbated by an outdated and unwieldy municipal structure, with 126 elected officials at the municipal level in Niagara - more than the entire provincial legislature at Queen's Park.

This governance structure has resulted in a decision-making process that has led to successive tax increases of roughly 7%, 9.6%, and 6.3% over the past three years, driving the regional tax levy up by almost 25% over a single Council term. This is an egregious affront to Niagara taxpayers and is not sustainable. On top of that, the Region is carrying a deferred capital backlog in the order of \$2.7 billion, meaning Council has been pushing core infrastructure costs into the future, where they will land on taxpayers' backs with even higher tax hikes, more debt, or both if nothing changes.

In this context, Council's recent decision to delay final approval of the 2026 operating budget pending a detailed Chair's review is not a procedural footnote; it is a signal that the system, as currently structured, is no longer capable of delivering the level of fiscal discipline and administrative efficiency that the moment requires. Moreover, this dysfunction threatens to undermine the provincial government's ambitious agenda for Niagara, including its Destination Niagara strategy, which was announced last December by Premier Ford, as well as its ongoing work to build infrastructure and attract jobs and new investments to the region.

Accordingly, I would like to inform you that as Regional Chair, I will be initiating a process of consultation and review with local mayors to address these serious concerns. Specifically, I will be seeking their advice and input on reforms that are reflective and informed by local considerations, that provide taxpayers with better value and that support economic growth in Niagara. These include a reduction in the number of municipal Councillors and a municipal restructuring in the Region, including potential amalgamations.

This process would:

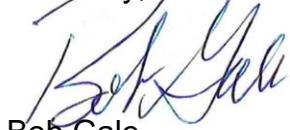
- Send a strong signal that Niagara is prepared to confront waste, abuse, and the cultures that allow them at a structural level, not just case by case;
- Create an opportunity to rationalize overlapping functions, reduce administrative duplication and bring large-ticket spending decisions into clearer focus for taxpayers; and,
- Align Niagara's governance with the province's broader objectives on housing delivery, infrastructure resilience, investment attraction, job creation and prudent fiscal management.

My goal, working closely with local mayors and communities, will be to propose changes that will also materially support the province's priorities on housing, transit and tourism. A rationalized structure would also enable a truly regional transit network, integrating local routes, inter-municipal services and GO Transit connections, so that new housing and key tourism nodes are supported by reliable, connected transit instead of being constrained by fragmented decision-making and competing local priorities. Niagara's residents are being asked to absorb higher costs of living, rising interest rates and significant uncertainty. They are entitled to a municipal governance structure that is lean, accountable and demonstrably serious about stewarding their tax dollars. The status quo has had many chances to prove itself. The evidence now points strongly toward the need for change.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this review and to assist in next steps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bob Gale  
Regional Chair, Niagara Region



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February 20, 2026

Melanie Davis Manager, Office of the CAO & Board  
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Dear Ms. Davis:

**RE: Consolidation of NPCA into “Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority”**

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on January 27, 2026, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** at the NPCA’s Special Meeting held on December 5, 2025, the following resolution was passed:

*Resolution No. FA-131-2025*

*WHEREAS the municipalities of the Niagara Peninsula watershed agreed to form the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in 1959 under the Conservation Authorities Act to protect people, property, farmland and natural resources through watershed-based decision making informed by local science and knowledge, and municipal representation;*

*AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has amended the Conservation Authorities Act through Bill 68 "Plan to Protect Ontario (Budget Measures)" that allows for establishing the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to oversee the transition to Regional Conservation Authorities, and direct the strategic direction, finances, and operational activities of the new Regional Conservation Authorities, imposing additional costs on municipalities to fund the Agency via fees levied on the new Regional Conservation Authority;*

*AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 (“Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities”), proposing to reduce Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities to 7 regional entities as part of a broader restructuring;*

*AND WHEREAS under this proposal, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority would be consolidated into a new “Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority” together with the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Halton Region Conservation Authority and Credit Valley Conservation, forming a single organization extending along the western Lake Ontario shoreline from Niagara through Halton and Peel, encompassing urban and rural watershed that support the Greater Toronto-Hamilton corridor;*

*AND WHEREAS the proposed “Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority” is to span approximately 4,900 square kilometres and serve 28 municipalities comprised of nearly 2 million people, thereby risking local representation and the delivery of locally focused programs and services;*

*AND WHEREAS the participating municipalities lying within NPCA’s jurisdiction fund approximately 52% of the annual operating budget of NPCA through municipal levies, compared to the annual provincial transfer payment of approximately 0.5%;*

*AND WHEREAS in September 2018, the Auditor General of Ontario published their report on the Special Audit of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, with 20 recommendations to the conservation authority and 4 recommendations to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to improve governance, operations, policies and processes to strengthen the delivery of programs and services, which have been fully implemented by Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, who is committed to continuous improvement;*

*AND WHEREAS NPCA has consistently met provincial permitting review standards 96% of the time;*

*AND WHEREAS watershed municipalities benefit from having conservation authority staff available locally that know our watersheds, municipal staff, communities, Indigenous community representatives, developers, consultants, and environmental non-government agencies;*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved:*

*THAT the NPCA Board of Directors (“the Board”) does not support the proposed “Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority” boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257 as the proposal lacks sufficient justification, would significantly diminish local governance, and fails to recognize the effectiveness and efficiencies already achieved within existing watershed-based models; and*

*AND THAT the Board affirms that large-scale regional consolidation is unnecessary, would introduce substantial transition costs, and would divert resources away from frontline watershed programs.*

*AND THAT the Board further asserts that restructuring at this scale would erode local decision-making, weaken municipal accountability, and disrupt*

*long-standing community partnerships that are central to delivering responsive watershed management;*

*AND THAT the Board urges the Province to strengthen centralized standards, resources, and communication rather than undertaking broad structural amalgamation and to provide sustainable, predictable provincial funding across conservation authorities—particularly where gaps exist—to enable local conservation authorities to advance ongoing digitization and systemization work that has already resulted in improved efficiency and consistency in recent years;*

*AND THAT the Board requests that the Ministry engage meaningfully and collaboratively with affected municipalities, conservation authorities, and local First Nations before advancing any consolidation, to ensure that any changes reflect both local needs and the practical realities of implementation;*

*AND THAT the Board believes that the Province’s proposed new online permitting portal can be implemented within the existing conservation authority framework without requiring structural amalgamation;*

*AND THAT this resolution be included as part of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation submission to the Environmental Registry of Ontario and forwarded to Niagara Region, the lower-tier municipalities within Niagara Region, City of Hamilton, Haldimand County, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Conservation Ontario, local area MPPs, and all Conservation Authorities in Ontario.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of Niagara-on-the-Lake endorse the motion approved by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) regarding the consolidation of the NPCA into a new “Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority” for the reasons noted in the resolution above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this endorsement be forwarded to Chief Conservation Executive, Hussan Basit and the other organizations noted in the resolution above.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact my office at 905-468-6488.

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk/ Manager of Legislative Services

c.c. Chief Conservation Executive, Hussan Basit  
Niagara Region,  
Lower-tier municipalities within Niagara Region,  
City of Hamilton,  
Haldimand County, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation,  
Six Nations of the Grand River,  
Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee,  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),  
Conservation Ontario,  
Local area MPPs,  
All Conservation Authorities in Ontario

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

February 26, 2026

Premier of Ontario  
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Attention: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Request to Amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry)**

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on February 24, 2026, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 currently restricts access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry to law enforcement agencies, thereby limiting public awareness of individuals convicted of sexual offences residing within Ontario communities; and

**WHEREAS** enhanced public access to relevant information regarding registered sex offenders may support informed decision-making by residents and contribute to improved community safety, particularly for vulnerable populations including children; and

**WHEREAS** transparency and access to information are important components of public confidence in community safety measures, and a public-facing registry could be structured to balance public safety objectives with privacy considerations; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities, including the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, continue to receive resident concerns related to repeat and high-risk offenders and the impacts of a revolving-door justice system on local safety and quality of life;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake formally request that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 to permit appropriate and regulated public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council request the Government of Ontario to:

- a) Strengthen bail provisions and address the revolving-door justice system to ensure repeat and high-risk offenders are not released in a manner that compromises community safety;
- b) Implement stronger sentencing measures for serious criminal offences, particularly those involving children and other vulnerable persons; and

- c) Enhance and expand the Sex Offender Registry to include stronger monitoring, supervision, and restrictions for repeat and high-risk offenders; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, all Niagara-region Members of Provincial Parliament, and Niagara Region area municipalities.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact my office at 905-468-6488.

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk/ Manager of Legislative Services

- c.c. The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Regional Municipality of Niagara  
Local Area Municipalities  
Local Area MPPs

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

February 26, 2026

Regional Municipality of Niagara  
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Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

**RE: Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan**

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on January 27, 2026, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Niagara has a proposed design for a traffic roundabout in St. Davids; and

**WHEREAS** safety should be a core consideration moving forward in the design and implementation of the roundabout; and

**WHEREAS** it would be prudent for any major investment or construction on the roundabout to align with the updated Transportation Master Plan once finalized;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake formally requests that Niagara Region place a hold on the St. Davids roundabout project until the completion of the forthcoming Transportation Master Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** an additional safety review or community consultation be requested from the Region based off the Regional Transportation Master Plan.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact my office at 905-468-6488.

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk/ Manager of Legislative Services

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

February 26, 2026

Ministry of Education  
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Attention: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education

Dear Minister Calandra:

**RE: Swim to Survive**

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on January 27, 2026, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

**WHEREAS** evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

**WHEREAS** many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

**WHEREAS** several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of The Town of Niagara-on-Lake respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact my office at 905-468-6488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Grant Bivol', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk/ Manager of Legislative Services

c.c. Local Members of Provincial Parliament  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



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Ann-Marie Norio  
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Dear Ms. Norio:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the Resolution from the City of Welland regarding Winter Cold Weather Response Plan**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 10, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne passed the following motion:

That the correspondence from the City of Welland regarding Winter Cold Weather Response Plan Review be supported by Council; and

That the correspondence be referred back to staff to monitor for the Niagara Regional Council's response; and

That any updates or developments be brought back to Council.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

ec: Local Area Municipalities

January 22, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ann-Marie Norio  
Office of the Regional Clerk  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, PO Box 1042  
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ann-Marie Norio,

**Re: January 13, 2026 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

At its meeting on January 13, 2026, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

"WHEREAS, Niagara Region is responsible for homelessness services, including the Winter Cold Weather Response Plan; and  
WHEREAS, public health guidance indicates that cold-related injury and hypothermia risk can occur at temperatures above freezing, particularly overnight, for individuals experiencing homelessness; and further  
WHEREAS, some municipalities trigger protective measures and shelter capacity earlier, including at or near 0 to -5 degrees, rather than waiting until colder thresholds such as -15 degrees.  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF WELLAND COUNCIL formally requests Niagara Region Council to review and reconsider the temperature thresholds in its Winter Cold Weather Response Plan, including whether supports and shelter capacity should be triggered earlier to better reflect overnight exposure risks."

Yours sincerely,



**Tara Stephens**  
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

c.c. - Niagara Municipalities

## **Motion for Council Support**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for assessing all properties in Ontario and plays a key role in determining municipal property taxes;

**AND WHEREAS MPAC** assessments are based on estimated market value and do not adequately reflect the lived realities of homeowners who are not selling or profiting from their property;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities across Ontario have experienced significant resident concern and financial strain due to rapid increases in assessed values, particularly in legacy neighbourhoods with long-term residents;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario reported a \$42.7 billion increase in property tax revenue resulting from reassessments and new development growth;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities such as Thorold have limited control or recourse in addressing the inequities created by the current MPAC system;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Thorold formally request that the Province of Ontario conduct a comprehensive review of MPAC's residential property assessment model, with an emphasis on fairness, transparency, and protection for long-term homeowners;

**AND THAT** the City of Thorold circulate this motion to all Niagara municipalities, the Region of Niagara, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), seeking their support and endorsement;

**AND THAT** the City of Thorold request MPAC provide detailed reporting on the number and type of reassessments conducted annually within the City, including their methodology and rationale

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February 20, 2026

**Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

**Moved By** Councillor Shipston

**Seconded By** Councillor Ferguson

**WHEREAS** arable land is a critical finite resource; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Southgate support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

**That** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness  
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound  
Senator Rob Black  
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### **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST**

February 20, 2026

#### **VIA EMAIL**

The Honourable Michael Kerzner  
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MPP John Vanthof  
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Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East fully supports:

1. Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.

2. A standardized, province-wide bail notification system, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

**OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST**



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February 10<sup>th</sup> ,2026

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**RE:** Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

**Resolution Number:** 2026 - 35

**Moved by:** Councillor J. Weir

**Seconded by:** Councillor M. Christenson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi  
Clerk-Treasurer  
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**RE: Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Naim & Hyman.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-07**  
**Moved by: Councillor Quade**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Keller**

**"Be It resolved** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Naim & Hyman's resolution regarding Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors.

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, Renfrew Nipissing & Pembroke MP and MPP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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December 17, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Support Resolution

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman, I am writing to formally convey Council's support for recent federal measures aimed at stabilizing and strengthening Canada's steel and softwood lumber sectors.

As a small Northern Ontario municipality whose economy is closely tied to the continued operation of Interfor, a local softwood lumber mill, Council is increasingly concerned that ongoing trade pressures and market uncertainty are placing added strain on the long-term viability of this key employer. Any reduction in operations or a potential closure would have significant and lasting consequences for local employment, municipal revenues, and the overall economic and social wellbeing of our community.

In this context, and in response to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' November 26, 2025 media release, Council adopted the enclosed resolution at their meeting of December 8, 2025:

**SUPPORT FOR STEEL AND LUMBER SECTORS**

**RESOLUTION # 2025-14-247**

**MOVED BY:** Karen Richter

**SECONDED BY:** Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a media release dated November 26, 2025, welcoming the Government of Canada's new measures to support the steel and softwood lumber sectors in response to ongoing U.S. tariff pressures; and

**WHEREAS** the federal actions—including strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports, and increased incentives to utilize Canadian steel and lumber in federal infrastructure and housing projects—represent important steps in stabilizing industries that are vital to Northern Ontario's economy; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities across the North continue to experience the economic impacts of industry closures, including the recent shutdown of Domtar a pulp and paper mill in the neighboring Town of Espanola, which has demonstrated the vulnerability of resource-dependent communities and the need for coordinated intergovernmental support; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Naim and Hyman recognizes the significant role of Interfor, our local soft-wood lumber mill, as a major employer and economic anchor in our region, and further recognizes that any threat to its continued operation would have devastating consequences for workers, families, and local businesses; and  
**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has a shared responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the forestry, lumber, and steel sectors, which are foundational to the economic wellbeing of Northern and rural communities;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Township of Naim and Hyman commends the Government of Canada for its leadership and for implementing substantial measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries during this period of trade volatility; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council respectfully urges the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council specifically calls upon the Province of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders, including municipalities and major employers such as Interfor, to create programs and investments that will help protect jobs, maintain production capacity, and support long-term industry growth in Northern Ontario; and  
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, MP Jim Belanger, MPP Bill Rosenberg and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely Yours,



Belinda Ketchabaw  
CAO Clerk - Treasurer

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cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Minister of Northern Development  
FONOM  
MP Hon. Jim Belanger  
MPP Hon. Bill Rosenberg  
All Ontario Municipalities



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 26, 2025

### **FONOM Welcomes Federal Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors Impacted by U.S. Tariffs**

**Northeastern Ontario** – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes today’s announcement by Prime Minister Mark Carney outlining new federal measures to support Canada’s steel and softwood lumber industries, which continue to face unprecedented challenges due to aggressive U.S. tariff actions.

The federal plan includes strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports for companies facing liquidity pressures, and new incentives to increase the use of Canadian steel and lumber in national infrastructure and housing projects. These measures aim to stabilize sectors vital to the economies of many Northern Ontario communities.

Prime Minister Carney announced that Canada will significantly tighten tariff-rate quotas on foreign steel imports, opening an estimated \$850 million in domestic demand for Canadian producers. In addition, the federal government is allocating \$500 million in new financing for softwood lumber firms, paired with a further \$500 million expansion of the Business Development Bank of Canada’s softwood guarantee program.

FONOM is encouraged by the federal government’s recognition of the pressures facing Northern resource-based communities, where steel and lumber operations support thousands of jobs and anchor local economies.

**“These measures acknowledge what Northern Ontario has long understood — that our steel and lumber sectors are national economic pillars,”** said FONOM President Dave Plourde **“U.S. tariffs continue to destabilize communities across the North, and today’s announcement provides needed tools to help our workers and industries adapt, compete, and grow.”**

FONOM also welcomes the federal commitment to reduce interprovincial freight rates by 50 per cent for steel and lumber shipments beginning next spring. Lower transportation costs will help Northern producers access new domestic markets and move product efficiently while north-south trade remains constrained.

As part of the plan, the federal government will also advance the Buy Canadian Policy, ensuring that major defence, construction, and infrastructure projects prioritize Canadian steel, aluminum,

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and wood products. This aligns strongly with FONOM's longstanding advocacy for procurement policies that support Canadian jobs and supply chains.

"Keeping Canadian dollars working in Canada is essential," added the President. "These steps will create new demand for made-in-Canada materials while helping stabilize communities affected by unpredictable U.S. trade actions."

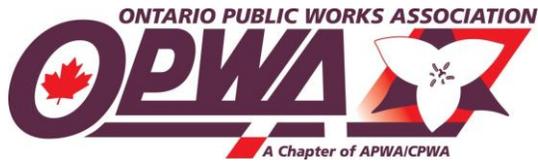
FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with federal officials to ensure the timely rollout of these programs, and to ensure that Northern Ontario municipalities and industries can fully benefit from the measures announced today.

**Media Contact:**

Dave Plourde, President

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Ontario Public Works Association Announces 2026 Executive Committee and Board of Directors

The Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) is pleased to announce its 2026 Executive Committee and Board of Directors, as presented for election at the Association's recent Annual General Meeting.

OPWA will be led in 2026 by a six-member Executive Committee and a 14-member Board of Directors, providing a strong mix of public and private sector public works professionals committed to leadership excellence, sector collaboration, and advancing public works innovation across Ontario.

#### Executive Committee – 2026

OPWA is pleased to announce that **Marco Bertoia, City of Toronto**, will serve as **President for 2026**, having been elected President-Elect in 2025.

The following public works professionals were elected to serve as Executive Officers for the 2026 term:

- **President-Elect** - Denise McGoldrick, City of Kitchener
- **Vice President** - Mariana Balaban, Norfolk County
- **Past President** - Max Ross, Retired
- **Treasurer** - Erik Nickel, City of Niagara Falls
- **Secretary** - Margie Chung
- **APWA Council of Chapters Ontario Delegate** - Ed Dujlovic, Retired
- **CPWA Director** - Angela Storey, City of Hamilton

#### Board of Directors – 2026

Newly elected Directors:

- **Fariha Mannan, Region of Durham**
- **Angela Carley, TYLin**
- **Dave Ferguson, City of Brantford**
- **Enrico Stradiotto, Canadian Concrete Pipe & Precast Association**
- **Don Kudo, County of Wellington**
- **Haider Nasrullah, DeepRoot**



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Continuing Directors:

- **Hiran Sandanayake, City of Ottawa**
- **Geoff Britnell**
- **Joseph Petrungaro, Region of York**
- **Mark Cavanaugh, Region of Durham**
- **Mark Zamojc, GEI**
- **Tracey Anastacio, City of Brampton**
- **Doug Keenie, R.J. Burnside & Associates**
- **Philip Rowe, R.J. Burnside & Associates**

At the Annual General Meeting, President **Marco Bertoia** outlined his vision for the year ahead:

“In 2026, OPWA will continue to strengthen connections across Ontario’s public works community, support professional development, and champion excellence in municipal infrastructure and service delivery. This Board brings together experienced leaders from across the province who are committed to collaboration, innovation, and supporting municipalities as they plan, build, and maintain critical public infrastructure.”

**Contact:**

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**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**The Honourable Doug Ford**

Premier of Ontario

**The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria**

Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario

**Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Municipality of Larder Lake, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Municipality of Larder Lake supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

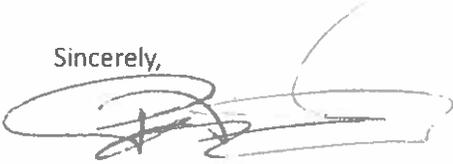
We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Quinn', written over a faint rectangular stamp or box.

Patricia Quinn, Mayor, Municipality of Larder Lake

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario Municipalities



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February 23, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

**RE: Resolution – support the Municipality of North Grenville’s letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Province of Ontario regarding Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems.**

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Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake’s Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #8, February 10, 2026  
Moved by: Councillor Hull  
Seconded by: Councillor Armstrong

**Carried**

**Support the Municipality of North Grenville’s letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Province of Ontario regarding Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports the Municipality of North Grenville’s letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Province of Ontario regarding Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** staff be directed to forward a letter communicating this resolution and the Board’s support to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.

Sincerely,

**Crystal Labbe**  
**CAO/ Clerk Treasurer**

**Encl.**

**cc:** The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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**RE: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Brantford.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-06**  
**Moved by: Councillor Banks**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Keller**

**"Be it resolved** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell**

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catharines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

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Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,  
[cgauthier@brantford.ca](mailto:cgauthier@brantford.ca)

CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - [Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca)

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**Resolution Number:** 2026 - 34

**Moved by:** Councillor J. Weir

**Seconded by:** Councillor M. Christenson

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**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi  
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**RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Aylmer.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05**  
**Moved by: Councillor Quade**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Banks**

**“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Aylmer’s resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada’s Children.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.”**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON  
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[Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister

**Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

1. **Bail and Sentencing Provisions** - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
2. **Parole and Early Release** - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;
3. **Sex Offender Monitoring** - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. **Victim and Community Safety** - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario  
The Attorney General of Ontario  
The Solicitor General of Ontario  
The Prime Minister of Canada  
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack  
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;  
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

**Owen Jaggard**  
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Mayor Frank Campion c/o Theresa Ettore [Theresa.ettore@welland.ca](mailto:Theresa.ettore@welland.ca)

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All municipalities



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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December 2, 2025

**Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children**

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,



Frank Campion  
Mayor of Welland



The Corporation of the Township Of Prince  
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February 10<sup>th</sup> ,2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
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**RE:** Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

**Resolution Number:** 2026 - 33

**Moved by:** Councillor M. Christenson

**Seconded by:** Councillor J. Weir

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding a call to action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Prince



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February 10, 2026

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to formally inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 10, 2026, the council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo made a resolution in agenda item number 17.

That the Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo agrees to support the Resolution from the City of Peterborough regarding Sustainable Funding for Policing.

Moved By: Pam Stewart

Seconded By: Eldon Stewart

Result: Carried

Thank You,

Kayla Weichenthal

Deputy Clerk



Office of the City Clerk, City Hall  
500 George Street North  
Peterborough, Ontario  
K9H 3R9

December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;  
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;  
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);  
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and  
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

**Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request**

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley  
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and**

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and**

**Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and**

**Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and**

**Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure**



**custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and**

**Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and**

**Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and**

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and**

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and**

**Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and**

**Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and**

**Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;**

**Therefore, be it resolved that:**

**Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and**

**Therefore, be it further resolved that:**

**Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and**

**Therefore, be it further resolved that:**

**Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and**



City of  
Peterborough

**That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.**

Sincerely,



John Kennedy  
City Clerk



*Mary ten Doeschate, Chair*

*Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair*

*Mayor Jeff Leal*

*Councillor Gary Baldwin*

*Steve Girardi*

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December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)  
500 George St. N.  
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

**Attention: Members of Council**

**Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services**

**John Kennedy, Clerk**

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

**Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards**

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

**Moved by Drew Merrett**

**Seconded by Jeff Leal**

**That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.**

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,  
Chair

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***Peterborough Police Service Board***  
***500 Water Street, P.O. Box 2050 Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7Y4***  
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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 5.4.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2026-022  
**Title:** Resolution of Support - Hornepayne - Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class  
**Date:** February 18, 2026

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**WHEREAS** there is a visible disparity between the northern and southern population of Ontario;  
**AND WHEREAS** northern Ontario has an abundance of opportunity in the form of municipally serviced building lots for both Industry and population growth;  
**AND WHEREAS** high residential property taxes in northern Ontario discourage and prohibit the construction of new residential single family dwellings;  
**AND WHEREAS** the addition of a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass would create an incentive for the building of new homes in small northern Ontario communities;  
**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St-Charles does hereby request that the Honorable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Finance, amends the Assessment Act to include a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass.  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario; your Municipalities MPP; the Honourable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Minister George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Honourable Minister Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; AMO; FONOM; NOMA; NEOMA; NESMG; and ROMA.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 5.4.1.  
**Resolution Number** 2026-022  
**Title:** Resolution of Support - Moosonee - Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario  
**Date:** February 18, 2026

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution Number 2026-008 passed on January 6, 2026 by the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee regarding strengthening self-defence protections and addressing rising home invasions in Ontario; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, our local Member of Parliament (MP), our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

VIA E-MAIL ([scarter@northperth.ca](mailto:scarter@northperth.ca))

February 24, 2026

Municipality of North Perth  
330 Wallace Avenue North  
Listowel, ON N4W 1L3

Dear Municipality of North Perth,

RE: Removal of HST and GST From New Homes

Please be advised that at the February 5, 2026 Regular Meeting of Perth County Council, Council members supported the Municipality of North Perth's position regarding the removal of HST/GST from new home purchases.

*"THAT Council sends a letter of support to the Municipality of North Perth, Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP John Nater, MPP Matthew Rae, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario regarding the removal of HST and GST from new homes".*

Perth County Council believes that housing affordability must continue to be supported across the Province of Ontario through diverse measures. The removal of HST/GST from the sale of new homes (primary residence purchases only) is one way that the Province could support housing affordability across all municipalities. Housing supply and affordability is tied to a number of areas that help municipalities to thrive including economic development, tourism, social services, and more.

Should you require any additional information or wish other consideration by Council in this matter, kindly advise.

Sincerely,



Dean Trentowsky, Warden

**cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada**  
**The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance**

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**The Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada**  
**MP John Nater, Perth-Wellington**  
**The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**  
**The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance**  
**The Honourable Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
**MPP Matthew Rae, Perth-Wellington**  
**The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**  
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# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**February 24, 2026**

The Right Hon. Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)  
Honourable Sean Fraser (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)  
Honourable Gary Anandasangaree (Minister of Safety)  
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Doug Downey (Attorney General of Ontario)  
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner (Solicitor General of Ontario)  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)  
Member of Parliament for Northumberland Clarke, Philip Lawrence  
Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'**

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At a meeting held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved  
Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122, adopting the below resolution:

**Moved by:** Councillor Lucas Cleveland  
**Seconded by:** Councillor John Logel

"**Whereas** item 7.a from the February 3, 2026 Corporate Support Committee was held by  
Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Call for Reform and  
Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution  
to key stakeholders."

**Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122**

**Carried**



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [bennett@northumberland.ca](mailto:bennett@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Tonia Bennett

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonia Bennett".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

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Moved By L. Cleveland

Seconded By d. Logel

Agenda Resolution Number  
Item 12.b. 2026-02-18- 122  
(1)

Council Date: February 18, 2026

“Whereas item 7.a from the February 3, 2026 Corporate Support Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'; and  
**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** County Council adopt the following:

- That County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders.”

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Carried   
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell**

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catherines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,  
[cgauthier@brantford.ca](mailto:cgauthier@brantford.ca)

CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - [Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca)

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The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) [FCMInfo@fcm.ca](mailto:FCMInfo@fcm.ca)

All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support

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February 24, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

*Sent via Email*

Subject: Council Resolution – Support for Expansion of School Bus Stop Arm  
Camera Systems and Provincial Child Safety Initiatives

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Assiginack, I am writing to formally advise you of Resolution No. 171-02-2026, passed at its regular meeting held on February 17, 2026.

Resolution Number 171-02-2026

Moved By Councillor Elliot Seconded By Councillor Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Assiginack supports the provinces investment in the expansion of school bus stop arm camera system;

AND FURTHER support the municipality of Parry Sound in its request for the province to provide funding tools and legislative support to complement child safety initiatives across the province.

AND FURTHER, a letter be sent to the Premier of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Through this resolution, Council expressed its support for the Province of Ontario's investment in the expansion of the school bus stop arm camera system and further endorsed the Municipality of Parry Sound's request for provincial funding tools and legislative support to complement child safety initiatives across Ontario.

Council strongly believes that enhanced enforcement measures, along with supportive legislation and funding supports will significantly contribute to improving student safety and reducing dangerous driving behaviours around school buses. These initiatives are a proactive approach towards protecting children and improving community safety across the province.

We respectfully request your consideration of this resolution and thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to child safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stasia Carr".

Stasia Carr  
Township of Assiginack  
Clerk



February 25, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

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Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 24, 2026 passed the following resolution:

33/2026

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Seguin

“That Council support the correspondence from the Town of Parry Sound concerning the School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems;  
And that a letter of support be forwarded to Premier Ford, Hon. Steve Clark, and all Ontario municipalities.”

**Carried.**

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,

Jennifer Astrologo  
Director of Council Services/Clerk  
Town of LaSalle  
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Encl. Resolution of Town of Parry Sound RE: School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

cc: (via email) The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader  
Town of Parry Sound  
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*Office of the Mayor*

February 9, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation Province of Ontario

**Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Town of Parry Sound, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Town of Parry Sound supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

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We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jamie McGarvey', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jamie McGarvey  
Mayor

**cc:** The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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# ADMINISTRATOR-CLERK

## *Township of Dawn-Euphemia*

The Township of Dawn-Euphemia is a progressive rural community with a population of 2,100 located in the southeast portion of Lambton County, in the heart of southwestern Ontario. The Township is primarily agriculturally based, and is in close proximity to Petrolia, Sarnia and Chatham-Kent.

The Township is seeking an experienced and highly motivated individual to replace our current retiring Administrator-Clerk. We are seeking an individual with senior leadership experience in the public sector, with strong skills in strategic planning, governance, customer service and communication.

Reporting directly to Council, the Administrator-Clerk will act as principle policy adviser and administrative head of the municipality; exercising general control and management of the day-to-day operations for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the municipality; fulfills the statutory, operational, custodial and advisory duties required of position within the guidelines of legislation and policy.

The preferred candidate will require:

- A University degree in a discipline related to public/municipal administration or related discipline, eligibility for CMO designation, or an equivalent combination of education and public sector management experience.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in a senior managerial role where you have demonstrated effective and progressive leadership in a public sector environment (or related relevant experience).
- Sound knowledge of the legislative and procedural framework related to statutes, regulations and bylaws affecting human resources, financial and municipal management, with particular emphasis on the Municipal Act and Elections Act, and other relevant legislation (including all related statutes and regulations).

This position is full-time and includes a competitive benefits package. The salary range is \$107,000 - \$127,400 based on a 35-hour work week with evening meetings as required. For a complete job description please visit our website at [www.dawneuphemia.ca](http://www.dawneuphemia.ca) under "Alerts & Notifications". Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume by **12:00 Noon, on Friday March 27, 2026**, to the attention of:

**Irene McClymont, Township of Dawn-Euphemia,  
4591 Lambton Line, Dresden, ON N0P 1M0  
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Email: [recruitment@dawneuphemia.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@dawneuphemia.on.ca)**

\* We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those applicants under consideration will be contacted.  
Personal information obtained through this posting is collected for candidate selection only and is protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The Township of Dawn-Euphemia is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to inclusive, barrier-free recruitment and selection processes. Please contact us if you require this posting in an alternate format. If contacted for an interview, please advise if you require accommodation.



## TOWNSHIP OF DAWN-EUPHEMIA

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

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**1. Position Title/Position Level:**

Administrator-Clerk

**2. Reporting Relationship:**

Reports directly to Council

**3. Positions Supervised:**

Treasurer, Public Works Superintendent, Fire Chief, Deputy-Clerk, Deputy-Treasurer, Receptionist/Cashier, Shetland Park Attendant, Community Centre Caretakers, Summer Students and Contractors.

**4. Scope of Position:**

Principle policy adviser to Council and administrative head of the municipality; exercises general control and management of the day-to-day operations for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the municipality; fulfills the statutory, operational, custodial and advisory duties required of position within the guidelines of legislation and policy.

Responsible for the administration and coordination of delivery of services to the municipality's residents and businesses in a manner that will ensure the effective utilization of the human, financial and physical resources of the municipality.

**5. Responsibilities:**  
**Administrator**

- 5.1 Coordinates, leads and directs municipal administration, in the management, implementation, enforcement and operations of the business affairs of the Corporation, ensuring activities in all departments are carried out in accordance with legislation, by-laws, and policies established by Council.
- 5.2 Acts as chief policy advisor to Council in the determination of policy and decision-making on corporate direction, policy and programs, service levels, legislative and corporate matters, by providing accurate advice, background information, reporting, briefing materials; keeps council apprised of critical issues and developments of an operational or political nature affecting municipal operations, projects, financial and planning matters.
- 5.3 Coordinates, leads, directs and develops programs, policies, procedures, bylaws, strategic directions, policy statements, contractual agreements, and reports etc. to Council for approval; formulates and communicates procedures to implement approved items; oversees the administration of, and monitors policies and programs established by Council. Interprets policies, decisions, regulations, directives and other legislative materials from the provincial and federal governments and their agencies.
- 5.4 Attends all Regular, Special and other meetings of Council as required.

- 5.5 Establishes liaisons and positive relationships with the business community, taxpayers, other boards and committees, authorities and upper levels of government, consultants, solicitors and various municipal associations as is necessary to secure information and advice that will assist Council and promote the interests of the municipality; acts as spokesperson on behalf of the Township. Works with senior levels of government to access programs and grants for municipal priorities.
- 5.6 Ensures sound public relations are maintained by communicating information on the actions and decisions of Council to the general public through the media. Promotes and markets the municipality at all times to encourage economic development for the community.
- 5.7 Responds to complaints regarding alleged violations, conducts investigations into allegations, urging self-compliance where possible through persuasive discussion and written correspondence to violators. Enforces and issues fines for non-compliance with municipal by-laws including but not limited to parking, property standards, animal control, right of entry and other related bylaws.
- 5.8 Maintain a thorough working knowledge of Provincial Legislation and Regulations that affect the policy decisions of Council. Maintains knowledge, skill and expertise at a high level by taking advantage of training opportunities offered through seminars, conferences, briefing sessions and selected reading.
- 5.9 Meets with department heads collectively on a regular basis to review the policy directions of Council and assigns responsibility for implementation, enforcement and execution. Develops appropriate communications procedures to ensure that all staff are informed regarding the policies and directions of Council.
- 5.10 Discharges such other duties related to the position as Council may assign from time to time.

## **Clerk**

- 5.11 Performs statutory and operational duties of the Municipal Clerk as defined in the Municipal Act, Elections Act and other relevant legislation.
- 5.12 Secretariat for Council, preparing agendas, attends meetings as required to accurately record all minutes, decisions, directives, by-laws, resolutions and other proceedings of the meeting. Prepares minutes of such meetings and undertakes follow-up action and correspondence resulting from minutes and Council direction.
- 5.13 Records management and retention; preserves all books, records and accounts of Council. Responsible for Corporate records management (paper and digital), including tracking and depositing records through their life cycle of creation, maintenance, use and ultimately disposition or archival. Develops and maintains procedure manuals and Corporate policy manuals to implement the delivery of this program.
- 5.14 Responsible for the administration of municipal cemeteries, active and inactive, including liaising with the Bereavement Authority of Ontario and fulfilling regular reporting requirements.
- 5.15 Co-ordinates the Information Technology requirements and is the primary liaison with the Municipality's private contractor that delivers, supports and services the Township's software, hardware and telecommunication network.

- 5.16 Administration and co-ordination of the Township's complaint in-take process and interaction of tasks with the Provincial Ombudsman's Office under the auspices of the Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014.
- 5.17 Receives, evaluates and processes Livestock Claims under the Protection of Livestock and Poultry Act and the Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.
- 5.18 Performs the statutory duties of the Clerk under the Line Fences Act by implementing the dispute mechanism procedure for the resolution of line fence disputes between the owners of adjoining properties. Maintains liaison between ratepayers and Fence Viewers, Weed Inspectors and Livestock Evaluators when disputes occur.
- 5.19 Performs the statutory duties of the Clerk under the Drainage Act by ensuring compliance with the municipal drain process.
- 5.20 **Municipal Signing Officer** for execution of legal documents, agreements, by-laws and other municipal documents; authorizes expenditures and enters into contracts on behalf of the municipality.
- 5.21 **Disability Plan Coordinator**, responsible for management and administration of the Accessibility Plan, including training staff, reporting requirements, ensuring Council's compliance with current legislation.
- 5.22 **Issuer of Marriage Licenses/Solemnization**, under the Registrar Division of the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services Act carries out all statutory responsibilities associated with such appointment, including issuing marriage licenses and is authorized to solemnize marriages as set out under the Marriage Act.
- 5.23 **Commissioner of Oaths**, certifies documents, swearing affidavits and administering other legal oaths, affirmations or declarations in accordance with the Commissioners for taking Affidavits Acts.
- 5.24 **Returning Officer**, conducts Municipal, School Board and by-elections, and discharges all applicable responsibilities associated with this function as established under the Municipal Elections Act; responsible for training/hiring of Election Staff.
- 5.25 **Division Registrar**, administers and maintains the vital statistics registration for the Municipality under the direction of the Registrar General's Office. Registers all vital events (birth, marriage, death); issues death certificates, and burial permits in accordance with the Vital Statistics Act and other applicable legislation.
- 5.26 **Freedom of Information and Privacy Officer**, performs the statutory duties providing public access to Township records and information and protecting personal privacy in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Decides and resolves requests for disclosure of information from the public/council members for information (records) held by the Township according the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Ensures protection of personal information held by the Township covered by legislation.

## Planning

- 5.27 Works in conjunction with the County Planner and County Building Department to ensure all approval processes related to amendments to the Official Plan, Zoning Bylaw and other planning matters are adhered to.

- 5.28 Conducts preliminary review and processes various planning applications filed under the Planning Act including zoning by-law and Official Plan amendments, site plan control, minor variances, legal non-conforming uses, subdivision of land through subdivision plans or by consents, holding bylaws, interim control bylaws, temporary use by-laws and other planning matters and ensures conformity or compliance with the same; prepares and issues all associated documentation and notices as required; maintains planning files.
- 5.29 Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment; prepares and distributes agendas and minutes; carries out required follow up action; provides background research, planning reports and supporting data as required.
- 5.30 Responds to public inquiries and provides information on land use planning.

### **Human Resources**

- 5.31 Responsible for all aspects of the human resources component of managing a diverse and effective work force. Employs, promotes, demotes, suspends or dismisses any employee in accordance with, the policies approved by Council.
- 5.32 Develops and upholds an effective organizational structure that reflects operation needs, and that is directed towards accomplishing the objectives established by Council. Assesses future staffing needs and recommends staffing complement changes and organizational structure changes that will improve efficiency and/or service delivery to the public.
- 5.33 Prepares employment contracts; recommends wage increases, changes to benefits and terms of employment and other related matters. Monitors the administration of human resources to ensure that all departments conform to approved staffing levels, hiring practices, orientation and training, assigning duties and reviewing work, assessing performance and dealing with disciplinary matters.
- 5.34 Ensures employees are managed in accordance with the applicable labour legislation and human resource policies of the Township.
- 5.35 Monitors the performance and conducts regular performance reviews of Department Heads and ensures regular performance reviews are conducted for all Township employees.

### **Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)**

- 5.36 Responsible and accountable for the community's emergency management program in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.
- 5.37 Responsible for the development, implementation, maintenance and review of the Emergency Management Program which includes the development, execution and monitoring of policies, procedures, documents and working groups addressing the key areas of emergency management: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery as mandated through the Township's Emergency Management Program, and ensures compliance with same.
- 5.38 Responsible for ensuring that local council, staff and emergency operations centers are in a continuous state of readiness in the event of a municipal emergency through ongoing planning, training, exercise, testing, and awareness initiatives.
- 5.39 Must maintain appropriate training and certifications as required by the Act.

## **6. Health & Safety Responsibilities**

- 6.1 Oversees compliance with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and Regulations, and the Township's Health and Safety Policies and Procedures and other applicable legislation relating to workplace health and safety.
- 6.1 Takes every possible precaution to protect themselves and co-workers from health and safety hazards and unsafe situations. Works in a safe manner with protective devices, measures and procedures, as required by the OHSA and Regulations, and the Township's Health and Safety Policies and Procedures.
- 6.3 Ensures work is being carried out with sound judgment and in a safe manner and respond to unsafe acts, conditions, workplace accidents/incidents, occupational injury or illness, contravention of the Act or regulations, or any hazards brought to your attention.

## **7. Authority of Position:**

Authority granted from Council to manage the overall Corporation within municipal and provincial legislation, policies and procedures, along with the executive authorities assigned to the Clerk's position within the Municipal Act or other relevant legislation, or as specifically designated by Council.

## **8. Working Relationship:**

### **8.1 With Council and Committees of Council**

Acts as Chief Policy Advisor to Council. Advises, guides, and assists with policy development and evaluation as required by statute and by the expectations of Council to support the policy making process; implements and administers technical and operational advice and information. Communicates with the Mayor and Councillors on relevant matters efficiently and effectively, as required.

### **8.2 With Department Heads**

Maintains a high level of communication to resolve operational problems. Promotes cooperative efforts and exchange of ideas and information. Provides management, leadership and guidance.

### **8.3 With Other Staff Members**

Provides management, leadership and guidance.

### **8.4 With Other Government/External Agencies**

Exchanges information regarding changes in legislation, programs, and regulations that affect municipal operations. Represents the best interests of the Township; develops and builds ongoing relationships with representatives of the federal, provincial, regional and municipal governments, to ensure impacts and opportunities that may affect the Township, are managed in a pro-active way.

With contractors - to ensure projects are completed as tendered and timelines and commitments are met.

### **8.5 With Public**

Hear, discuss and resolve complaints and requests regarding municipal services and operations. Provides the general public with information and advice on the content and intent of corporate by-laws, programs, policies and services of the municipality while ensuring polite and tactful relations.

## **9. Required Knowledge and Skill:**

- 9.1 Recognized university degree in a discipline related to municipal service delivery, such as business administration, public administration, engineering, planning, finance or recreation, or any equivalent combination of education and experience.
- 9.2 A minimum of 5 years' experience in a senior management position in a progressive public sector environment or related relevant experience.
- 9.3 Proven administrative and managerial abilities in directing and overseeing the activities of several departments, demonstrated leadership skills, a record of success in financial and organizational management, excellent interpersonal and communications skills.
- 9.4 Sound knowledge of the legislative and procedural framework related to statutes, regulations and bylaws affecting human resources, financial and municipal management, with particular emphasis on the Municipal Act and Elections Act, and other relevant legislation (including all related statutes and regulations).
- 9.5 Completion of the Basic Emergency Management (BEM) and Community Emergency Management Coordinator Training (CEMC), or willingness to obtain.
- 9.6 Demonstrated and working skills in Microsoft applications, Adobe, GIS Mapping, Municipal Connect, Online Banking, Zoom, Online Benefit Administration. Demonstrated ability to oversee and monitor staff utilization of the ASYST software program ensuring accuracy and data integrity, compliance, efficiency and productivity within organizational policies

## **10. Qualifications**

- 10.1 Valid Driver's License
- 10.2 Criminal Reference Check
- 10.3 Excellent communication skills in multiple domains i.e. oral, written, presentation, electronic, etc.
- 10.4 Excellent research and analytical skills that leads to effective problem solving relative to the development of options and their assessments for presentation to Council.
- 10.5 Excellent consultation skills with organizations, groups, rate payers, and other levels of government options and their assessment and presentation to Council.
- 10.6 Social media management.

## **11. Physical Skill and Effort**

The work is primarily of an intellectual nature with high degrees of concentration and visual observations. Involves analysis of information, high degree of accuracy and extended periods of concentration.

Position required to sit for extended periods of time while using the computer and calculator, in order to meet deadlines. The mental effort required is considerable, visual and mental concentration with respect to visual display terminal. The coordination of fine motor skills is required when operating normal office equipment (computer, calculator, photocopier, shredder, telephone, fax etc.).

Requires sitting, standing, walking, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, squatting, and stooping in the performance of daily office activities. The position also requires grasping, repetitive hand movement, and fine coordination in preparing reports and data entry using a computer keyboard. Additionally, the position requires near, far, and color vision in reading correspondence, reports, and using the computer, and hearing is required when providing phone and face-to-face customer service. The need to lift, drag, and push files, paper, and documents weighing up to 20 pounds also is required

## **12. Working Conditions**

Exposure to a normal office environment and typically good working conditions with little or no exposure to disagreeable environmental or hazardous conditions. Work generally has a low risk of injury. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderately quiet.

Must be accessible to Council, media, staff and the general public and interact politely and effectively with same; required to respond to adverse behavior when dealing with the public. High public profile position with high levels of stress and pressure associated with time sensitive material, meeting strict deadlines, shifting priorities and frequent interruption.

Usual hours of work are 35 hours per week. Periodically requires attendance at on-site locations throughout the municipality. Work schedule is subject to shifting priorities of Council and deadlines imposed by legislation or municipal policy, which may require work beyond the regular work schedule to meet deadlines and attend meetings. Continuous training is required to maintain up-to-date knowledge on new and changing legislation. Position is required to be on call 24/7 and respond to the on-call requirements of the Township, as required for Emergency Management.

## **13. Decision Making/Judgement**

Requires a high level of reasoning, judgement and problem-solving abilities to resolve problems encompassing a wide range of functions within the organization. Decisions require resolving complex problems using considerable analysis/reasoning from a wide range of possible solutions, precedents and consideration of external factors.



February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Township of Southgate  
Administrative Office  
185667 Grey County Road 9, RR 1  
Dundalk, ON  
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Your correspondence dated January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 was received by Harley Township Council at their regular meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and the following resolution passed:

**Resolution 2026-32**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

**WHEREAS** the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS’ governance structure through Bill 68; and

**WHEREAS** these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Harley does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Harley supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP John Vanthof, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

“CARRIED”

Yours Truly,

Krystle Seymour  
Clerk-Treasurer  
MW



CORPORATION OF THE  
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February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Township of Southgate  
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Your correspondence dated January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 was received by Hudson Township Council at their regular meeting of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and the following resolution passed:

**Resolution 2026-027**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

**WHEREAS** the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

**WHEREAS** these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Hudson does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;



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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Hudson supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP John Vanthof, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.  
"CARRIED"

Yours Truly,

  
Krystle Seymour  
Clerk-Treasurer  
MW



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February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Dundalk, ON  
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Your correspondence from January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 was received by the Casey Township Council at their regular meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution 2026-027**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

**WHEREAS** the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

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**WHEREAS** these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Casey does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;



**CORPORATION OF THE  
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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Casey supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP John Vanthof, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

"CARRIED"

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Krystle Seymour".

Krystle Seymour  
Clerk-Treasurer  
MW

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 5.4.3.  
**Resolution Number** 2026-022  
**Title:** Resolution of Support - Northumberland - Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)  
**Date:** February 18, 2026

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution Number 2026-01-21-052 passed on January 5, 2026 by the Corporation of the County of Northumberland regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**January 28, 2026**

Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure),  
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing),  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance),  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South),  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),  
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM),  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, 'Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)'**

At a meeting held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052, adopting the recommendation below from the January 5, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

**Seconded by:** Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Puslinch recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure), the Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all Ontario Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052**

**Carried**



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**  
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Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [bennett@northumberland.ca](mailto:bennett@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Tonia Bennett

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonia Bennett".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

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Moved By M. Martin

Agenda  
Item 10.a

Resolution Number  
2026-01-21-052

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: January 21, 2026

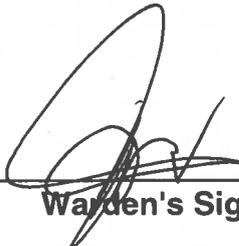
**"That** Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 5, 6 and 7, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 8.b, Report 2026-002 'Changes to Tipping Fees at Community Recycling Centres'- **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

**And Further That** the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Carried  \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Public Works Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** January 5, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 7.b

**Resolution Number:** 2026-01-05-004

**Moved by:** J. Logel

**Seconded by:** R. Crate

**Council Meeting Date:** January 21, 2026

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"That the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Puslinch recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure), the Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all Ontario Municipalities."

**Carried**   
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities’ ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
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# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

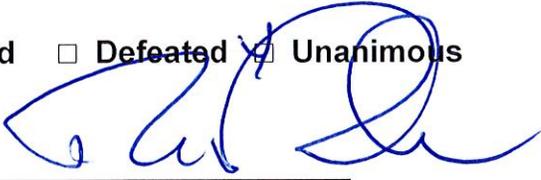
September 29, 2025

Resolution Number: 2025- 253

demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
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  - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
  - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

Carried     Defeated     Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

**VIA EMAIL**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance  
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The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

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Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)**

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette  
Interim Clerk  
[clerk@twpec.ca](mailto:clerk@twpec.ca)



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October 23, 2025

Via email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

**Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

418-2025  
Moved By: Aaron Neeb  
Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

**That South Huron Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025, Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and**

**That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson, AMO, OSUM, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator  
Municipality of South Huron  
[kwebster@southhuron.ca](mailto:kwebster@southhuron.ca)  
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Kinga Surma, [kinga.surma@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surma@pc.ola.org);  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack,  
[rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org); Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy,  
[peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org); MPP Lisa Thompson,  
[lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org); AMO, [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca); OSUM,  
[osum@osum.ca](mailto:osum@osum.ca); FCM, [resolutions@fcm.ca](mailto:resolutions@fcm.ca); and all Ontario Municipalities



Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Marit Stiles, MPP  
Leader of the Official  
Opposition  
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November 28, 2025

Hon. Kinga Surma  
Minister of Infrastructure  
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Hon. Rob Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
and Housing  
VIA EMAIL:  
[rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

RE: 6.17 Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund & 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-382:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17, 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be received for information; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025 Resolution and the Municipality of South Huron Resolution of October 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of



Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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February 26, 2026

The Ontario Veterinary College  
50 Stone Road East  
Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

**RE: Ontario Veterinary College expansion of enrollment capacity**

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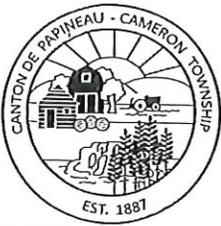
The Council of The Corporation of The Township of Papineau-Cameron met at their Regular Council Meeting on February 24, 2026 and passed the attached resolution 2026-50 that relates to the Ontario Veterinary College's enrollment capacity.

Yours truly,

Venessa Wilson  
Administrative Assistant

Encl: Resolution 2026-50, Township of Papineau-Cameron

Cc: The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness  
The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association  
The Honorable Victor Fedeli, MPP, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
The Honorable Trevor Jones, MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness  
The Honorable Nolan Quinn, MPP, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security  
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DATE: February 24, 2026

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2026-50

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger*

SECONDED BY: *M Chenier*

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau*  
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			